

What is claimed is:

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1. ~~A contact lens, comprising at least one surface comprising a base layer having a clear central zone and a translucent color zone and one or more additional color layers selected from the group consisting essentially of a second translucent color layer, an opaque color layer, or a combination thereof, wherein each of the one or more additional color layers has a clear central zone and a color zone.~~

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2. The lens of claim 1, wherein color zones of the base layer and additional color layers cover greater than about 85 percent of the area of an iris.

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3. ~~The lens of claim 1, wherein the base layer and the additional color layers cover greater than about 90 percent of the area of an iris.~~

4. The lens of claim 2, wherein the color zone of the base layer covers about 85 to about 99 percent of the area of the iris and the color zones of the one or more additional color layers cover about 40 to about 70 percent of the area of the iris.

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5. The lens of claim 3, wherein the color zone of the base layer covers about 85 to about 99 percent of the area of the iris and the color zones of the one or more additional color layers cover about 40 to about 70 percent of the area of the iris.

25 6. ~~The lens of claim 1, wherein the base layer color zone is of a uniform color.~~

7. ~~The lens of claim 6, wherein the base layer color zone further comprises clear or colored shapes selected from the group consisting of circles, ovals, triangles, lines, striae, feather-like shapes, and combinations thereof.~~

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8. ~~The lens of claim 2, wherein the base layer color zone is of a uniform color.~~

9. The lens of claim 8, wherein the base layer color zone further comprises clear or colored shapes selected from the group consisting of circles, ovals, triangles, lines, striae, feather-like shapes, and combinations thereof.

10. The lens of claim 8, comprising the base color layer and two opaque color layers.

11. The lens of claim 1, wherein the base layer color zone is of a radially gradient color.

12. The lens of claim 11, wherein the base layer color zone further comprises clear or colored shapes selected from the group consisting of circles, ovals, triangles, lines, striae, feather-like shapes, and combinations thereof.

13. The lens of claim 2, wherein the base layer color zone is of a radially gradient color.

14. The lens of claim 13, wherein the base layer color zone further comprises clear or colored shapes selected from the group consisting of circles, ovals, triangles, lines, striae, feather-like shapes, and combinations thereof.

15. The lens of claim 1, further comprising a clear pre-polymer layer.

16. The lens of claim 1, wherein the lens further comprises aquafilcon, etafilcon, genfilcon or lenefilcon.

17. The lens of claim 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, or 13, wherein the additional color layers comprise one or more second translucent color layers each having a color zone of uniform color.

18. The lens of claim 17, wherein the color zones of the one or more second translucent color layers further comprise clear or colored shapes selected from the group consisting of circles, ovals, triangles, lines, striae, feather-like shapes, and combinations thereof.

19. The lens of claim 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, or 13, wherein the additional color layers comprise one or more second translucent color layers each having a color zone that is of a radially gradient color.

20. The lens of claim 19, wherein the color zone of the one or more second translucent layers further comprises clear or colored shapes selected from the group consisting of circles, ovals, triangles, lines, striae, feather-like shapes, and combinations thereof.

21. The lens of claim 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13, 17, 18, 19 20, wherein the additional color layers comprises one or more opaque color layers each having a color zone that is of a uniform color.

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22. The lens of claim 21, wherein the color zones of the one or more opaque color layers further comprises clear or colored shapes selected from the group consisting of circles, ovals, triangles, lines, striae, feather-like shapes, and combinations thereof.

23. The lens of claim 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13, 17, 18, 19 20, wherein the additional color layers comprise one or more opaque color layers each having a color zone that is of a radially gradient color.

24. The lens of claim 23, wherein the one or more opaque layer color zone further comprises clear or colored shapes selected from the group consisting of circles, ovals, triangles, lines, striae, feather-like shapes, and combinations thereof.

25. A method for manufacturing a tinted contact lens, comprising the step of:  
depositing onto a surface of a lens a base layer having a clear central zone and a translucent color zone and one or more additional color layers selected from the group consisting of a second translucent color zone, an opaque color layer, or a combination thereof, wherein each of the one or more additional color layers has a clear central zone and a color zone.

26. A method for manufacturing a tinted contact lens, comprising the steps of:  
depositing onto a molding surface of a lens mold a base layer having a clear central zone and a translucent color zone and one or more additional color layers selected from the group consisting of a second translucent color layer, an opaque color layers, or a combination thereof, wherein each of the additional color layers has a clear central zone and a color zone.

27. The method of claims 25 or 26, wherein the color zones of the color layers of the lens cover greater than about 85 percent of the area of an iris.

28. The method of claims 25 or 26, wherein the color zones of the color layers of the lens cover greater than about 90 percent of the area of an iris.

29. The lens of claim 27, wherein the color zone of the base layer covers about 85 to about 99 percent of the area of the iris and the color zones of the additional color layers cover about 40 to about 70 percent of the area of the iris.

30. The lens of claim 28, wherein the color zone of the base layer covers about 85 to about 99 percent of the area of the iris and the total coverage imparted by the color zones of the additional color layers is about 40 to about 70 percent of the area of the iris.

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A II* 31. The method of claim 26, wherein the translucent base layer is deposited onto the molding surface before any of the other color layers are deposited.

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32. The method of claims 26 or 31, wherein deposition is carried out by pad printing.